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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE AT HECKETT SA PTY.

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1. AF LABOR ADVISOR SPOKE WITH CURT GRANTHAM OF HECKETT ENGINEERING, BUTLER, PA., US PARENT COMPANY OF HECKETT SA. GRANTHAM SAID HECKETT AWARE OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DISPUTE. STATED HECKETT PRESIDENT M. W. GAMBILL AND VP FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. W. M. MCGREW HAD HELD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION A.M. FEBRUARY 4 WITH HECKETT SA. SAID HE UNAWARE OF DETAILS OF CONVERSATION OTHER THAN THAT
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IT DEALT WITH LABOR DISPUTE.

2. GRANTHAM SAID GAMBILL AND MCGREW HAD ALREADY LEFT OFFICE FOR TRIP TO GREAT BRITAIN, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ATTENDANCE AT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED HECKETT SA BOARD MEETING 26/27 FEBRUARY IN BENONI. LABOR ADVISOR POINTED OUT

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POSSIBILITIES OF VIOLENCE AND/OR ADVERSE PRESS CRITICISM
AND SUGGESTED GRANTHAM RELAY THIS CONCERN TO GAMBILL AND
MCGREW. FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT GAMBILL AND MCGREW MIGHT
WISH TO CONTACT CONGEN JOHNSON AND RLA GOLINO UPON ARRIVAL
IN SA.

3. FYI. WHILE STATING HE UNAWARE OF DETAILS OF
TELCON, GRANTHAM CLAIMED HECKETT FULLY AWARE OF LABOR
TROUBLES. HE ADDED THAT SA LAW IS DIFFERENT FROM US
LAW AND ORGANIZATIOM TO WHICH BLACK WORKERS BELONGED IS
ILLEGAL. LABOR ADVISOR POINTED OUT UNREGISTERED UNIONS
ARE NOT ILLEGAL. GRANTHAM'S COMMENT MAY INDICATE
HECKETT US MISUNDERSTANDING OF STATUS OF UNREGISTERED
UNIONS. MAY ALSO INDICATE APPROACH THEY WILL BRING TO
PROBLEM. END FYI.
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